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SUBJECT: NDP ACTIVITIES.

1. SEPTEMBER 21 PRESS REPORTED THAT AT SEPTEMBER 20 CONFERENCE TOP NDP LEADERS HAD CHOSEN THE 288 MEMBERS OF THE NEW PARTY CENTRAL STANDING COMMITTEE. INCLUDED WERE ALL NDP MEMBERS OF THE 8TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING KIM TAE-CHUNG AND IMPRISONED FORMER NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN CHO YUN-HYONG, KIM SUNG-HYON, CHO YAN-HA, YI CHONG-NAM, AND KIM HAN-SUM.

2. ALSO GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE IN SEPTEMBER 21 PRESS WAS STATEMENT OF NDP SPOKESMAN CHAE MUN-SIK THAT PARTY WOULD SUBMIT TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY A BILL RECOMMENDING GOVERNMENT LIFT STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY, DECREED DECEMBER 1971, BEFORE DELIBERATION ON NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. REASON GIVEN FOR PROPOSAL IS THAT EMERGENCY DECREE GIVES PRESIDENT POWER TO CHANGE BUDGET FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, THUS THE BUDGET PROGRAM HAS NO MEANING. CHAE ALSO

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REPROTEDELY SAID THAT THE NDP WOULD OPPOSE THE NEW

SOCIAL SECURITY BILL ON GROUNDS THAT IT WILL BE A
BURDEN TO SMALL WAGE EARNERS AND MEDIUM SIZED
ENTERPRISES.

3. COMMENT: THIS FLURRY OF ACTIVITY AT
START OF ASSEMBLY SUGGESTS THAT NDP IS ATTEMPTING
TO RESTORE SOME OF ITS TATTERED PUBLIC REPUTATION
AS AN OPPOSITION PARTY.
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